



Reference: Proceeding number 05-231

February 17, 2017

Dear Commissioners;

I am writing in support of the Alliance for Community Media's petition to waive the registration and certification requirement of the closed captioning rules for PEG producers.

Falmouth Community Television (FCTV) is a nonprofit community media center that fosters the production and distribution of local information. FCTV provides access to training, technology and content to encourage community dialogue, awareness and expression.

Falmouth Community Television manages three community channels in Falmouth, Massachusetts. Programs running on our channel reflect the interest and diversity of our community from municipal, state and county meetings, youth sports, lectures, community events and more.

In the last year, our organization has worked with over 150 separate individuals who produced PEG programming, and another 75 local organizations. Our membership exceeds 400 individuals who are eligible to produce local programming. Our independent volunteer member producers have covered programs such as Martin Luther King Jr Celebrations, Lectures series, , Town Band Concerts, and programs which education and inform our community. These individuals are not paid for their volunteer time, they seek to serve our community by using community television to better our community through open dialogue.

Requiring community members who use our channels to register with the FCC and certify that they are exempt from captioning requirements would be cumbersome and a deterrent for some producers to use the channels.

This is especially the case because our channel is exempt from the captioning requirement because of our yearly revenue, which falls below \$3 Million. While we appreciate the consumer feedback the registration process will generate, we do not believe that registering PEG access producers on exempt channels will help consumers.

We appreciate the Commission's prompt action in the matter. Thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Debra A. Rogers', is positioned above the printed name.

Debra Rogers
Executive Director/CEO